

MILPERSMAN 7220-180

BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE (BAS) - PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERS ON SEA DUTY

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Governing Directives	NAVSOP-3050.2-M, DFAS Pay/Personnel Procedures Manual, Volume 2
	NAVSOP-3069, Department of the Navy Source Data System Procedures Manual

1. **Subsistence of Enlisted Members in Sea Duty Status.** Members assigned to sea duty, as defined in MILPERSMAN 7220-150, are not normally eligible to receive a subsistence allowance. Refer to MILPERSMAN 1746-020 for procedures when members are performing temporary duty ashore.

2. **Mess Membership of Chief Petty Officers.** Every chief petty officer (CPO), which includes members in pay grades E-7 through E-9, attached to or embarked in a ship having a separate CPO mess established, must belong to that mess unless the CPO is assigned duty in another mess and subsists there.

3. **Messing for Ships in Overhaul**

a. Commanding officers (COs) of ships undergoing overhaul or other maintenance should use decision criteria in the table below to help in selecting appropriate messing option:

IF the ship galley or messing facility is...	AND the ship is located...	THEN COs may...
inoperable due to repair work,	where no government mess is available,	grant BAS at the "messing not available" rate.
	where government mess is available,	request to mess separately (RATSSEP).

b. **Submitting Requests for RATSSEP:** Requests must be submitted to the responsible commanding officer (RCO) via the immediate superior in command (ISIC).

c. **Criteria for granting RATSSEP:** The criteria for granting RATSSEP in these instances are the same as listed in MILPERSMAN 1746-020.

d. **Analysis of factors prior to authorizing RATSSEP:**
Due to the potential impact on Military Personnel, Navy (MPN) budgeting caused by large unprogrammed expenditures, the CO, RCO, and ISIC should make every attempt to ensure available government messing is utilized, and resort to RATSSEP only after other alternatives have been thoroughly investigated. The following factors should be considered prior to authorizing RATSSEP:

(1)	Availability and location of any general mess in the vicinity;
(2)	Impact use of that mess would have on the ship's work;
(3)	Number of personnel to be authorized to mess separately;
(4)	Availability and cost of government transportation which could be used to transport member to a government mess ashore; and
(5)	Anticipated duration of ship's galley closure.

4. **Messing for Ships Being Decommissioned.** Enlisted crewmembers of ships being decommissioned may request RATSSEP upon the permanent closure of that ship's general mess:

a. Requests must be submitted via the chain of command to the RCO.

b. Commanding officers of ships being decommissioned are encouraged to coordinate these requests with the RCO prior to closure of the ship's general mess.

5. **Subsistence in Private Messes Afloat**

a. Enlisted members subsisting in private messes afloat, e.g., cabin and wardroom messes, are authorized to subsist in the mess to which assigned without charge, or subsist in the general mess at the discretion of the CO.

b. When subsisting in the private mess, since food is purchased by these messes, daily rations, that would have been credited to the activities general mess to feed these members,

are "commuted" to the private mess in an amount equal to the daily RATSSEP rate.

c. **Crediting Rations:** Rations are credited by submitting appropriate pay documents prepared according to the DJMS PTG and the SDSPROMAN, stating that rations of the members listed are to be commuted to a specific mess, and that the value of the rations will be paid to the treasurer of that mess.

d. **Mess Treasurer Action:** The mess treasurer submits to the disbursing officer a locally prepared form with the following information:

(1)	Members names,
(2)	Social security numbers,
(3)	Number of rations,
(4)	Applicable dates for each member whose rations are commuted, and
(5)	Total number of rations being commuted.

e. **Disbursing Officer Action:** The disbursing officer prepares NAVCOMPT 2277, Voucher for Disbursement and/or Collection, to reimburse the mess treasurer.